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Applicant wishes to discuss the finality of the office action. Specifically, Applicant respectfully maintains that some of the 112, 2nd paragraph rejections are brand new. Applicant further respectfully maintains that some of these new grounds of rejections were NOT necessitated by Applicant's amendments. For example, a new 112, 2nd paragraph rejection is made to claims 5-8, 11, and 18 despite the fact that the changes to these claims were either minor in nature (such as claim 1 changing the word "subnet" to "subnets") or non-existent (claims 8, 11, and 18). Applicant would like to discuss this issue with respect to MPEP 706.07(a), which states that a second action can be made final "except where the examiner introduces a new ground of rejection that is neither necessitated by applicant's amendment of the claims nor based on information submitted in an information disclosure statement...". While Applicant recognizes that many of the new grounds of rejection were necessitated by Applicant's last amendment, the fact that there is at least one new ground of rejection which was not necessitated by Applicant's last amendment makes the finality of the Office Action improper. The patent office had full opportunity to bring the new 112, 2nd paragraph rejections to the attention of the Applicant during the first Office Action. By waiting until the Final Office Action to do so, the Patent Office has effectively denied the Applicant the opportunity to have arguments on these rejections heard without filing an RCE.